

REMARKS***1. Election of Species***

In response to the Election of Species Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 8, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species 8, shown in Fig. 7, for continued examination without traverse. Claims 1 (with amendment to include claim 27), 2, 4, 11 and 13-16 read on the elected species. Claims 5-7, 12, 17-22 and 24-26 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 3, 8-10, 23 and 27 are canceled. Upon the allowance of a generic claim, the withdrawn claims will be rejoined in this application. Currently, amended claim 1 is generic to the claims that are not being canceled.

Figure 7, and the related description, shows a decorative display apparatus having a support and an interface cooperating with the support. The interface has magnetic properties and is constructed and arranged to mount the support to a magnetic or non-magnetic surface. The interface comprises a releasable clamp constructed and arranged to clamp onto the support. Claims 1 (with amendment to include claim 27), 2, 4, 11 and 13-16 read on the elected species.

2. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 27. Claim 27 is now canceled.

In addition, claims 3, 8-10 and 23 have been canceled and all remaining non-cancelled claims (i.e., including those that have been withdrawn) have been amended to delete the reference numerals.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that minor clarifying amendments to the claim would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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